

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Please cancel claim(s) 20 without prejudice.

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently amended) ~~A portable electronic gaming device~~ An apparatus comprising [[:]] a user input device comprising an extendible support having at a first end a tactile member for user actuation and mounted at a second end for pivotal movement, wherein the user input device has a first configuration in which the extendible support is retracted and a second configuration in which the extendible support is extended, wherein in the second configuration the user input device is operable as a joystick game controller, wherein the extendible support comprises an upper portion and a lower portion, wherein the upper and lower portions are sized and shaped to be locked in the first configuration until the upper portion is manually directly axially rotated by a user relative to the lower portion.

2. (Currently amended) ~~An electronic gaming device~~ apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein pivotal movement of the user input device is restricted in the first configuration and the user input device pivots freely in the second configuration.

3. (Currently amended) ~~An electronic gaming device~~ apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the input device functions as an input device in both first and second configurations.

4. (Currently amended) An ~~electronic gaming device~~ apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the input device is operable as a navigation device in the first configuration.

5. (Currently amended) An ~~electronic gaming device~~ apparatus as claimed in claim 1, comprising means for extending the extendible support in response to a first user action and for retracting the extendible support in response to a reversal of the first user action.

6. (Currently amended) An ~~electronic gaming device~~ apparatus as claimed in claim 1, comprising means for extending the extendible support in response to a twisting motion applied to the tactile member about an axis of extension of the extendible support.

7. (Currently amended) An ~~electronic gaming device~~ apparatus as claimed in claim 5, wherein the means for extending comprise a bias mechanism for biasing the extendible support towards ~~[[its]]~~ an extended configuration and a user releasable locking mechanism for retaining the extendible support in ~~[[its]]~~ a retracted configuration.

8. (Currently amended) An ~~electronic gaming device~~ apparatus as claimed in claim 7, wherein the means for extending further comprises a user releasable locking mechanism for retaining the extendible support in ~~[[its]]~~ the extended configuration.

9. (Currently amended) An ~~electronic gaming device~~ apparatus as claimed in claim 5, wherein the means for extending further comprises a guide mechanism for guiding the extendible member

between ~~[[its]]~~ a retracted configuration and ~~[[its]]~~ an extended configuration.

10. (Currently amended) An ~~electronic gaming device~~ apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the tactile member is raised approximately 3-8mm in the second configuration compared to the first configuration.

11. (Currently amended) An ~~electronic gaming device~~ apparatus as claimed in claim 1, further comprising discrimination means for discriminating the current configuration of the user input device and control means for controlling the operation of the gaming device in dependence upon said discrimination.

12. (Currently amended) An ~~electronic gaming device~~ apparatus as claimed in claim 1 that is pocket sized and for handheld use.

13. (Currently amended) An ~~electronic gaming device~~ apparatus as claimed in claim 12, further operable as a mobile cellular telephone.

14. (Currently amended) A user input device for an electronic gaming device comprising an apparatus as claimed in claim 1.

15. (Currently amended) A user input device, for a portable electronic gaming device, comprising ~~[[:]]~~ an extendible support having at a first end a tactile member for user actuation and mounted for pivotal movement about a second end, wherein the user input device has a first configuration in which the extendible support is retracted and a second configuration in which the extendible support is extended, wherein in the second configuration the user input device is

operable as a joystick, wherein the extendible support comprises an upper portion and a lower portion, wherein the upper and lower portions are sized and shaped to be locked in the second configuration until the upper portion is manually directly axially rotated by a user relative to the lower portion without longitudinally moving the upper portion relative to the lower portion.

16. (Currently amended) An ~~electronic device~~ apparatus comprising [[:]] a user input device comprising an extendible support having at a first end a tactile member for user actuation and mounted at a second end for pivotal movement, wherein the user input device has a first operational configuration in which the extendible support is retracted and a second operational configuration in which the extendible support is extended, wherein the user input device functions as an input device in both first and second operational configurations, wherein the user input device comprises means for extending the extendible support in response to a first user action and for retracting the extendible support in response to a reversal of the first user action.

17. (Currently amended) An ~~electronic device~~ apparatus as claimed in claim 16, wherein pivotal movement of the user input device is restricted in the first operational configuration and the user input device pivots freely in the second operational configuration.

18. (Currently amended) An ~~electronic device~~ apparatus as claimed in claim 16, wherein the input device is operable as a navigation device in the first operational configuration.

19. (Currently amended) An ~~electronic device~~ apparatus as claimed in claim 16, wherein the input device is operable as a joystick device in the second operational configuration.

20. (Cancelled)

21. (Currently amended) An ~~electronic device~~ apparatus as claimed in claim 16, comprising means for extending the extendible support in response to a twisting motion applied to the tactile member about an axis of extension of the extendible support.

22. (Currently amended) An ~~electronic device~~ apparatus as claimed in claim [[20]] 16, wherein the means for extending comprise a bias mechanism for biasing the support towards [[its]] an extended configuration and a user releasable locking mechanism for retaining the extendible support in [[its]] a retracted configuration.

23. (Currently amended) An ~~electronic device~~ apparatus as claimed in claim 22, wherein the means for extending further comprises a user releasable locking mechanism for retaining the extendible support in [[its]] the extended configuration.

24. (Currently amended) An ~~electronic device~~ apparatus as claimed in claim [[20]] 16, wherein the means for extending further comprises a guide mechanism for guiding the extendible member between [[its]] a retracted configuration and [[its]] an extended configuration.

25. (Currently amended) An ~~electronic device~~ apparatus as claimed in claim 16, wherein the tactile member is raised

approximately 3-8mm in the second configuration compared to the first configuration.

26. (Currently amended) An ~~electronic device~~ apparatus as claimed in claim 16, further comprising discrimination means for discriminating the current configuration of the user input device and control means for controlling the operation of the ~~electronic device~~ apparatus in dependence upon said discrimination.

27. (Currently amended) An ~~electronic device~~ apparatus as claimed in claim 16 that is pocket sized and for handheld use.

28. (Currently amended) An ~~electronic device~~ apparatus as claimed in claim 27, further operable as a mobile cellular telephone.

29. (Original) A user input device for an electronic device comprising an apparatus as claimed in claim 16.

30. (Currently amended) A user input device, for an electronic device, comprising [[:]] an extendible support having at a first end a tactile member for user actuation and mounted for pivotal movement about a second end, wherein the user input device has a first operational configuration in which the extendible support is retracted and a second operational configuration in which the extendible support is extended, wherein the user input device functions as an input device in both first and second operational configurations, wherein the input device comprises means for extending the extendible support in response to a direct manual rotation of the tactile

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member by a user's hand about an axis of extension of the  
extendible support.